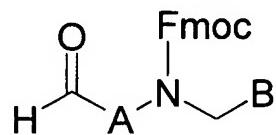


III. AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

On page 172, please delete the abstract and substitute in place thereof the following new abstract:

This invention provides compounds of the formula:



wherein A and B are as defined; and Fmoc is 9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl. Such compounds are useful as intermediates for preparing glycopeptide derivatives which are useful as antibiotics.